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TO: The Director
Interdepartmental Foreign Information Organization

FROM: The Chairman
Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff

SUBJECT: Report Covering Activities of the Interdepartmental
Foreign Information Staff, April 15 to July 15.

WORK COMPLETED

1. Pursuant to NSC 59/1, approved March 10, 1950, the Staff prepared A Plan for National Psychological Warfare. The Plan included sections covering an Intelligence Estimate; National Psychological Warfare Principles, Objectives, Tasks, and Themes; Organizational Arrangements for Psychological Warfare in the Initial Stages of War; and an Organization for Psychological Warfare in the Subsequent Stages of War. The Plan was approved by the Director and the Consultants on June 28, 1950 and was forwarded to the National Security Council on July 7, 1950. Copies of the Plan are now being reviewed by members of the National Security Council and the Secretary of the Treasury.

2. The Staff forwarded to the Director a draft of a Report on Coordination of Public Statements on June 28, 1950.

3. The Staff forwarded to the Director and Consultants a staff study recommending on-the-job training in the Department of State for officers of other departments and agencies of the U.S. Government.

4. Thirty-six staff conferences have been held by IFIS in the period under review.

5. Lt. Col. William H. Kinard, Jr. of the Department of the Army and Col. Richard W. Simons of the Department of the Air Force have been reassigned.

Lt. Col. Paul C. Davis, Department of the Army, has been assigned to the Staff to replace Col. Kinard.

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WORK IN PROCESS

Projects on which the Staff is presently engaged include:

1. Organization Structure, as required to be developed in A Plan for National Psychological Warfare, mentioned under Work Completed.

2. As requested in the directive of June 16, 1950, from the Director, correlation of information currently available to departments and agencies of the U.S. Government, analysis of technical capabilities and limitations of various types of balloons now available or procurable. Report is to take cognizance of political and legal implications of both the overt and covert use of such balloons over Soviet territory.

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